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SUBJ: SALT: NEXT STEPS ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

REFS: A. STATE 069375. B. STATE 061784.

1. SUMMARY: WE CONVEYED US INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT
ON SALT NON-CIRCUMVENTION CLAUSE AND FALLBACK PLAN
FOR MARCH 29 NAC TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACTION REQUESTED:
PAGNIEZ AND MISTRAL POSED QUESTIONS (PARAS 3 AND 6
BELOW) TO WHICH WE NEED RESPONSE BY OOB, THURSDAY,
MARCH 23. END SUMMARY.

2. LATE MARCH 20 POL COUNSELOR AND POL/MIL OFFICER
SAW DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PAGNIEZ AND DISARMAMENT
OFFICER MISTRAL TO MAKE DEMARCHE PER REF A INSTRUCTION.
POL COUNSELOR OUTLINED OUR PLANS FOR MARCH 29 NAC AT
WHICH WE WOULD REVIEW OUR FALLBACK PLUS INTERPRETIVE
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STATEMENT STRATEGY. HE UNDERLINED THAT WE WOULD
EMPLOY FALLBACK ONLY AT APPROPRIATE AND ADVANTAGEOUS
TIME IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS. POL COUNSELOR HANDED OVER
NON-PAPER (PARA 5, REF B) AND DESCRIBED IT ALONG LINES
OF TALKING POINTS (PARA 4, REF A), REQUESTING AD-
VANCE NOTICE OF GOF POSITION AT MARCH 29 NAC.

3. AFTER CAREFULLY READING NON-PAPER, PAGNIEZ AND MISTRAL POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WOULD FALLBACK LANGUAGE BE SAME TEXT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN NAC? EMBOFFS CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD.

B. WOULD NON-PAPER BECOME AN OFFICIAL US POSITION? EMBOFFS RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD WHEN USED WITH ALLIES AND WHEN INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT PRESENTED TO CONGRESS.

C. WOULD FIFTH SENTENCE OF THIRD PARA OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT (PARA 5 REF B) WHICH REFERS TO "SYSTEMS NUMERICALLY LIMITED IN THE AGREEMENT" COVER ONLY SYSTEMS IN TREATY OR THOSE IN PROTOCOL TOO? POL/MIL OFF RESPONDED THAT SINCE PROTOCOL DOES NOT "NUMERICALLY LIMIT" SYSTEMS, LOGICALLY ONLY THOSE IN TREATY WOULD BE COVERED. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THIS INTERPRETATION.

D. WOULD LAST SENTENCE OF FOURTH PARA OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT (FOR THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPLY TO OTHER STATES SYSTEMS OF A TYPE THAT IS PROHIBITED TO THE UNITED STATES ITSELF BY A PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE A CIRCUMVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THERE WERE NO NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION.") APPLY ONLY TO TREATY OR ALSO TO PROTOCOL? POL/MIL OFF RESPONDED THAT PROTOCOL PROHIBITS NO SYSTEMS BUT RATHER IS INTERIM MEASURE. THEREFORE, HIS INTERPRETATION WAS
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THAT SENTENCE APPLIED ONLY TO TREATY. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF THIS INTERPRETATION.

E. WOULD US INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT PERMIT FUTURE PROVISION OF A "NUMERICALLY LIMITED" SYSTEM SUCH AS AN SLBM TO THE UK? POL/MIL OFF RESPONDED THAT OUR STATEMENT NOTES THAT "NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISION WILL NOT AFFECT EXISTING PATTERNS OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION WITH....ALLIES, NOR WILL IT PRECLUDE COOPERATION IN MODERNIZATION." FUTURE SYSTEMS WILL BE DEALT WITH ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY FURTHER COMMENTS WASHINGTON HAS ON UK POINT.

4. PAGNIEZ THEN STATED THAT GOF POSITION ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED BY AMBASSADOR TINE IN NAC AND TO VARIOUS US VISITORS IN PARIS. GOF WILL REFLECT ON US INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT AND RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST. PAGNIEZ ASKED FOR WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION OF RESPONSES EMBOFFS PROVIDED TO QUERIES IN PARA 3.

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5. COMMENT: GOF POSITION TO DATE ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION HAS BEEN THAT:

A. THEY PREFER NO NON-CIRCUMVENTION CLAUSE.

B. THEY OPPOSE FALLBACK BECAUSE OF REFERENCE TO THIRD PARTIES.

WHETHER THE INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT WILL CHANGE GOF POSITION AND WHAT TINE WILL SAY IN NAC REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: TO ENHANCE CHANCES OF FAVORABLE GOF RESPONSE WE NEED CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT ON QUERIES AND ANSWERS IN PARA 3 BY OOB THURSDAY, MARCH 23, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO INJECT THEM INTO GOF THINKING EARLY ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME.
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